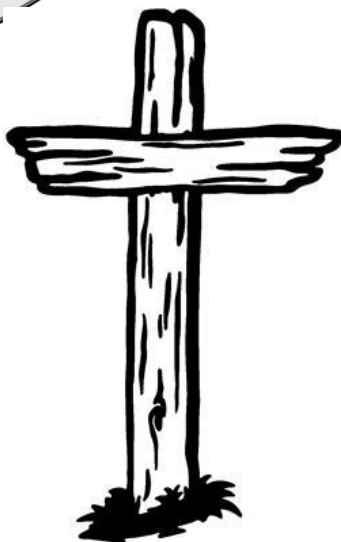




FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

March 22nd, 2015
Fifth Sunday in Lent



Embrace the Cross

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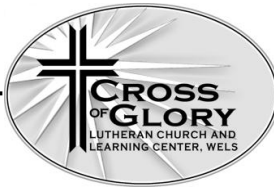
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

GATHERING RITE FOR LENT

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Refrain (Sung by choir and then repeated by congregation):



Choir: *A Son to shine in our darkness, a light to cast out despair. He comes to take away evil, and in his light we have life!*

Refrain (sung by congregation)

Choir: *And ev'ryone who believes will have eternal life. Lord, lifted up, we come to you with wonder, thanks and praise.*

Refrain (sung by congregation)

M: As we prepare to celebrate the wonder of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

Choir: *Do not live in fear. Called to life, arise! Turn away from sin. O come, Lord, enter in.*

Refrain x 2 (sung by congregation)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



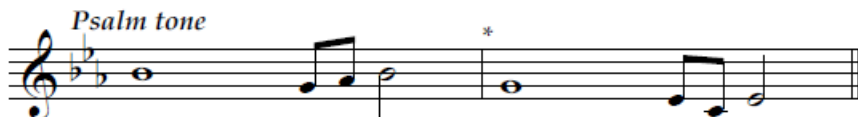
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.³⁴ No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 143



M: O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for 'mercy; *

C: in your faithfulness and righteousness come to 'my relief.

M: Do not bring your servant into 'judgment, *

C: for no one living is righteous be'fore you.

M: My spirit grows faint with'in me; *

C: my heart within me 'is dismayed.

Refrain

M: Answer me quick'ly, O LORD; *

C: do not hide your 'face from me.

M: Let the morning bring me word of your un'failing love, *

C: for I have put my 'trust in you.

M: Teach me to do your will, for you 'are my God; *

C: may your good Spirit lead me on 'level ground.

C: Glory be to the Father and ‘to the Son*
and to the Holy ‘Spirit,
as it was in the be’ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. ‘Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....Hebrews 5:7-9

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY.....Mark 10:45

M: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

GOSPEL.....John 12:20-33

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast.²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.²⁵ The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.²⁷ "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.²⁸ Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.³² But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Musical notation for the Credo: Praise be to you, O Christ! The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a final whole note G4.

C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY.....A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (#100)

SERMON ON JOHN 12:20-33: *"Embrace the Cross"*

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

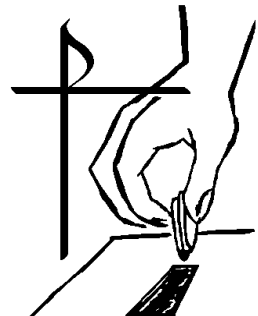
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

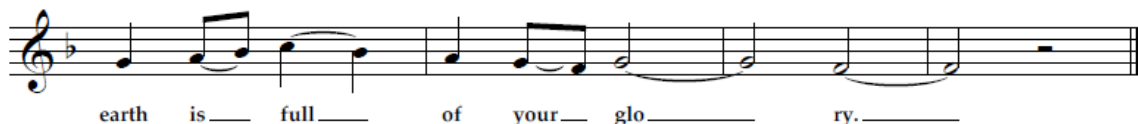
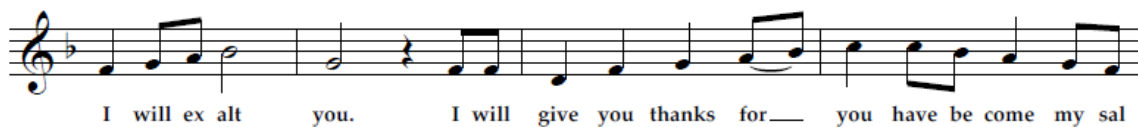
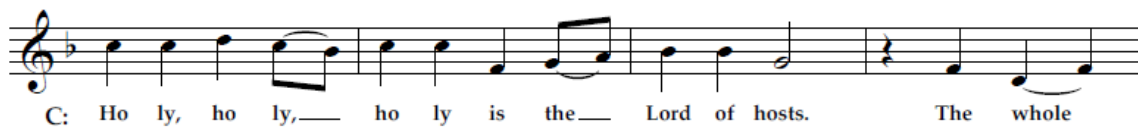
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A_____ men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mer cy on—

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mer cy on— us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace. A— men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Upon the Cross Extended (CW # 113)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

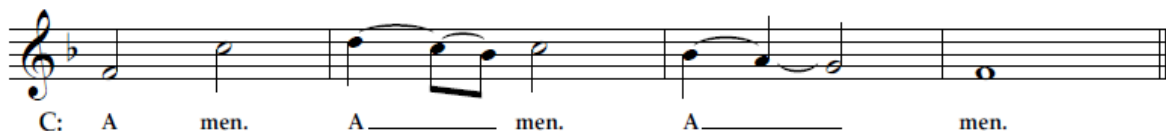
C: A— men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN.....Lord, when Your Glory I Shall See (#219)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: 37; Communion: 27.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund -\$1733.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

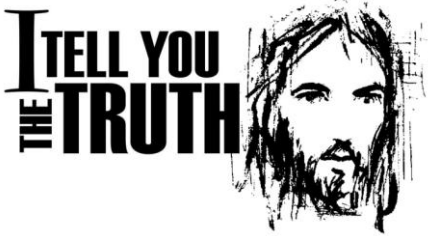
Wednesday (3/25):	10:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lent Worship
Saturday (3/28):	9:30 a.m.	Easter for Kids
Sunday (3/22):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Jambalaya Lunch / Farewell for Miss Tiffany

EASTER FOR KIDS ON MARCH 28TH



Our annual Easter for Kids event will be held on Saturday, March 28th, from 9:30 - Noon. There will be music, crafts, Bible story and an egg hunt. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities for our members (a sign up sheet is in the church). This is a great event for children to come and bring a friend (or two)!

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS



On Wednesdays in Lent, we have soup suppers starting at 5:30 and an evening prayer service at 6:30. Our theme for our services this year is "I Tell You the Truth." Each service will focus on one of Jesus' attention-getting and faith-building statements, highlighted in the Scripture by the words, "I tell you the truth."

Mar. 25th - "If one dies, it produces life for many."



Maundy Thursday (April 2nd) - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday (April 3rd) - 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil (April 4th) - 8 p.m.

Easter Festival Service (April 5th) - 10:30 a.m.